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*A. B. Ives,*

# REVISION

OF THE

## BY-LAWS

OF THE

✓ Connecticut Medical Society,

TILL OCTOBER 1802.



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N. B.—It is to be observed, that the By-Laws and Taxes laid, are according to their dates in the first part of the Revision; while the other Doings and Catalogue of Officers, Fellows and Examining Committees, are in the Appendix.

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*WHEREAS it has been, generally, found necessary and convenient in all incorporated Societies, from time to time, to revise their By-Laws; so the Connecticut Medical Society at their Session in October 1801, passed the following Vote:—viz.*

“VOTED—That William B. Hall, Jared Potter, and William Shelton, be a Committee to revise the By-Laws of the Society, and report to the next Convention.”

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*Said Committee made the following Report at the May Session 1802, and it was accepted.*

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*The ACTS incorporating a MEDICAL SOCIETY  
in the STATE of CONNECTICUT.*

[ENACTED IN MAY 1792.]

*WHEREAS well regulated Medical Societies, have been found to contribute to the diffusion of true Science, and particularly to the knowledge of the healing Art; Therefore,*

PAR. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That there be a Medical Society formed within this State, to consist of the following Persons, viz: James Potter, Leveret Hubbard, Charles Phelps, Joshua Porter, Amos Mead, Charles Mather, Josiah Hart, Eliakim Fish, Samuel Flagg, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, John Lester, David Rogers, Phillip Tur-

ner, Elisha Perkins, Isaac Knight, Daniel Sheldon, Phinehas Miller, James Schovill, Samuel Woodward, Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, David Sutton, Elihu Tudor, Timothy Rogers, Joseph Baker, John Watrous, Seth Bird, Minor Grant, Simon Wolcott, John Osborn, Asa Hamilton, Theophilus Rogers, Lemuel Hopkins, Philemon Tracy, Mason Cogswell, Thaddeus Betts, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Elnathan Beach, John Turner, John Spalding, Levi Ives, James Clark, Albigence Waldo, John Clark, and Elisha Lord, with such other Physicians and Surgeons, as shall hereafter be approved of, and admitted from time to time, as is herein after provided, that is to say, The Physicians and Surgeons, living in the respective Counties shall have liberty to meet together on the fourth Tuesday of September next, and at such place within their respective Counties, as shall be appointed by, Lemuel Hopkins, Eneas Munson, Simon Wolcott, Albigence Waldo, James Potter, Seth Bird, Jeremiah West, and John Osborn; and by them notified, by advertising in some public Gazette in the Counties in which they respectively dwell, and when so met, they shall have authority by their major vote in such respective Meetings, to determine the qualifications, and admission of their own members, and the persons who shall thus be admitted, shall have authority to make choice of a Chairman and Clerk, to conduct the affairs of such Meetings.

2. *Be it further enacted*, That such County Meetings formed as aforesaid, and all future County Meetings, which the members so approved and admitted as aforesaid, with such others as shall hereafter be duly approved and admitted pursuant to this act, shall annually hold on the fourth Tuesday in September, which they are



hereby authorized to do, and at such place as they shall appoint the said future Meetings, having organized themselves with a Chairman and Clerk as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and directed to choose by ballot from amongst themselves, five persons for each County, except for the County of Middlesex and Tolland, and three for each of those Counties, to compose a Convention of said Society; which members so to be chosen for said first Convention, shall meet at the Court House in Middletown, on the second Tuesday of October next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon; and for the future annual Conventions at such time and place as they shall appoint, and being so met, they are hereby authorized, by ballot to choose a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they may think proper, and the Convention so formed, shall be known by the name of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society; and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, and shall have full power to make By-Laws to promote the ends of said Society, provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or of the United States, and may expel members from said Society, for any misdemeanors as relative to said Society; to appoint examining Committees in the respective Counties, who shall examine such candidates as may offer themselves for that purpose, and license such as shall be found qualified for the practice of Physic or Surgery, and to receive them on their desire as members of said Society in their respective Counties; to confer Honorary Degrees on such of the Faculty as they may from time to time, find of distinguished merit, to purchase and hold to, and for the benefit of said Society, property, both real and personal, to an amount not exceeding *Sixteen Thousand*

*Six Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars*, and to manage, improve and convey the same for the common good and interest of said Society; and may have a common Seal, and the same alter and renew at their pleasure; and the said Society, in their corporate capacity, may sue and be sued as other Societies and Bodies corporate may by Law, as relative to the contracts, rights and interests, of said Society. Twenty members to be present to be a Quorum to transact the business of said Society.

3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several members of the Society, according to their ability, to communicate useful information to each other in their respective County Meetings, and such Meetings shall, from time to time, transmit to the Convention, such curious cases and observations, as may come to their knowledge; and it shall be duty the of the Convention to cause to be published, such extraordinary cases, and such observations on the state of the air, and on epidemical and other disorders as they may think proper; and the said County Meetings and Conventions shall have power to adjourn, from time to time, as they may think necessary, to promote the design of their institution.

4. *Be it further enacted*, That if this act, or any thing therein contained, shall be found inadequate or inconvenient, it may by the General Assembly be altered, amended, or repealed.

[ENACTED IN OCTOBER 1793.]

**B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That in future, the number of members of said Society, necessary to constitute a Quorum to transact business in Convention, shall be twelve—Any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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[ENACTED IN MAY 1797.]

PAR. 1. *BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That at the future Conventions of said Medical Society, for the choice of its officers, they shall have power to elect them from the Medical Society at large in this State, and not be confined to the members who may compose the Conventions of said Society.*

2. *And be it further enacted, That the President of said Society, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall upon any emergent or special occasion, call a Convention of the Fellows of said Society, upon giving twenty days notice thereof in two of the public Gazettes, at such time and place within the State as he shall judge proper.*

3. *And be it further enacted, That the Convention of said Medical Society at their annual Meetings, shall have power and authority to levy a tax on all the members of said Society, not exceeding Two Dollars annually, on each and every member thereof, which tax shall be collected by the Clerks respectively of the County Societies in the several Counties : And in case of neglect or refusal of any member of said Medical Society to pay the same, the Clerk of the County Society within which such refusal shall happen, shall have authority to institute a suit for the recovery of the same, in the name of the Treasurer of said Society, before any Assistant or Justice of the Peace within said County, where the person so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid shall dwell ; and such Assistant or Justice of the Peace is hereby authorised to hear and determine the same and grant execution thereon accordingly.*

[ENACTED IN MAY 1800.]

PAR. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That no person in future who shall commence or enter upon the practice of Physic or Surgery in this State, who has not been duly licensed, by some Medical Society or College of Physicians shall take benefit of laws for the recovery of any debt or fees for such practice.

2. And be it further enacted, That the fees or perquisites for the admission of any candidate to the Medical Society in this State shall not exceed the sum of *Four Dollars*.

*At a legal Convention of the Fellows of the CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY, in New-Haven, on the 14th of October 1801.*

**T**HE following Gentlemen were returned Fellows from the several County Meetings of the Connecticut Medical Society, for the ensuing year :—viz.

Elihu Tudor,	}	Hartford County.
Timothy Hall,		
Elijah F. Read,		
Solomon Averist,		
John Bestar.		
Jared Potter,	}	New-Haven County.
Abraham Tomlinson,		
John Spalding,		
John Barker,		
Obediah Hotchkiss.		

Simon Wolcott,	}	New-London County.
John R. Watrous,		
Avery Downer		
John O. Miner,		
James Lee,	}	Fairfield County.
James Potter,		
Thaddeus Betts,		
William Shelton,		
James E. Beach,	}	Windham County.
Benjamin Curtis,		
Jonathan Hall,		
Penuel Hutchins,		
Leonard Bacon,	}	Litchfield County.
Siah Fuller,		
Thomas Hubbard,		
Samuel Woodward,		
Anthony Burrit,	}	Middlesex County.
Jesse Carrington,		
Nathaniel Perry,		
Benjamin Welch,		
Thomas Moseley,	}	Tolland County.
William B. Hall,		
Richard Ely,		
Jeremiah West,		
Ruggles Carpenter,	}	
Nathan Howard,		

*The following Gentlemen were chosen Officers for the year ensuing :—viz.*

JAMES POTTER,	President.
THOMAS MOSELEY,	Vice-President.
WILLIAM B. HALL,	Treasurer.
WILLIAM SHELTON,	Secretary.



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The following Gentlemen were appointed a Committee  
of Examination, in their respective Counties: viz.

Solomon Averist, John Bester, Eliakim Fish—for  
the County of Hartford.

Abraham Tomlinson, Elijah Munson, Obediah  
Hotchkiss—for the County of New Haven.

Gideon Shepherd, Joseph Trowbridge, Bennet  
Perry—for the County of Fairfield.

Leonard Bacon, Roger Waldo, Thaddeus Clark  
—for the County of Windham.

Jesse Carrington, Samuel Woodward, Anthony  
Burrit—for the County of Litchfield.

Richard Ely, Smith Clark, Isaac Smith—for the  
County of Middlesex.

Samuel Willard, Nathan Howard, Jeremiah West  
—for the County of Tolland.

*Resolved*, That when any new Clerk be chosen  
in any of the Counties, his predecessor is directed  
to deliver over all the records and papers apper-  
taining to the office, retaining copies of the same,  
if he thinks proper; *Provided always*, that the for-  
mer Clerk shall have access to the records so de-  
livered over, to take attested copies thereof, if he  
request them.

*Voted*, That the Fellows be a Committee of A-  
batement of Taxes in their respective Counties.

*Voted*, That a Tax of One Dollar be laid on  
each member of the Medical Society.

*Voted*, That William B. Hall, Jared Potter, and  
William Shelton, be a Committee to revise the  
By-Laws of the Society, and report to the next  
Convention.

*Voted*, That the following be prize questions:

1<sup>st</sup>. Scirrhus, its causes, symptoms, and modes of  
issue; what is the best method of treatment in

its recent state? How treated if it becomes cancerous?---Premium, Parkinson's Voyage to the South Seas.

2d. Chronic Rheumatism, what, how distinguished from the inflammatory Rheumatism; also, how distinguished from the Gout, its causes, symptoms, and best method of cure?---Premium, Doctor Fothergill's Works.

3d. Mercury, its nature, what preparations of it are best, in what diseases, and how to be administered?

N. B. It is expected those gentlemen who are disposed to write on any prize questions, transmit their compositions to the Secretary, in the English, Latin or French language, on or before the first day of sitting of Convention. And the successful candidates shall receive the thanks of the Connecticut Medical Society, their names published in the public Gazettes of the State, and their Dissertations kept on file for publication. And that with each dissertation there be delivered a sealed packet, with some motto or device on the outside, and within, the author's name and designation; and the same motto or device shall be put upon the dissertations, that the Fellows may know who to address as the successful candidate.

No dissertation with the name of the author affixed, can be received; and if the author of any dissertation shall discover himself to any Fellow of the Society before the adjudication, such paper shall be excluded from all competition.

All the dissertations, the successful excepted, shall be returned if desired, with the sealed packets unopened.

*Voted*, That this Convention be adjourned to the City of Hartford, at the house of John Ripley, on the Wednesday after the second Thursday of May next.

*Tell.* WILLIAM SHELTON, Sec'y.

*At an adjourned Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society holden the 19th of May, A. D. 1802, at the house of Major John Ripley, in Hartford.*

A DISSERTATION was presented (for the offered premium on the Chronic Rheumatism) the consideration of which, was postponed to the annual Convention in October next.

*Voted,* That the Revision of the By-Laws of the Connecticut Medical Society, as reported by the Committee appointed for that purpose in October last, be accepted; and that the same be printed; and that the other doings of the Society from its origin, together with the names of its Officers, Fellows &c. be added by way of Appendix; and that the doings of the present Convention be likewise included.

*Voted,* That five hundred Copies be printed.

*Voted,* That William B. Hall be a Committee for printing as above.

*Voted,* That by the application of Doctor Samuel Willard; Doctors E. Tudor, A. Tomlinson, and T. Moseley be a Committee to examine the waters of Stafford Medicinal Spring, with the evidences of its Medicinal virtues, and make report thereon.

The Committee to examine the qualities of the Mineral waters of the Spring or Pool in Stafford; Report, that said waters possess valuable Medicinal properties, and would be highly useful to the public under proper regulation.

Doctors James Potter, E. Tudor, T. Moseley and Samuel Woodward, were appointed a Committee to prepare a bill for the purpose of meliorating the Medical Treasury system. Said Committee reported thereon by memorial to the General Assembly, and a bill thereon, praying further assistance---which report was accepted.



*Voted,* That Doctors Jared Potter and John Bester be a Committee to present the above memorial and bill to the General Assembly, at their present session, and to make such alterations as they may find necessary.

*Voted,* That a Committee be annually appointed, for the purpose of recommending to the Convention such characters for the degree of Doctor of Medicine as they shall judge worthy of that honor; either by examination, or such other testimonials of qualifications as shall be satisfactory to them; and that the fee for a Doctor's Diploma shall be ten dollars; provided that this resolve have no retrospective view, nor the fee of ten dollars be exacted from any person on whom such degree shall be conferred, unsolicited.

James Potter, Elihu Tudor, Thomas Moseley, Jared Potter, and Thaddeus Betts, Doctors of Medicine, were chosen a Committee for the above purpose.

*Voted,* That the Treasurer be directed to call upon those examining Committees, who have not made legal report of their proceedings, to make a report to the Convention in October next; and on failure of making due report; to commence processes against such delinquent Committees, to compel them to the performance of their duty.

*Voted,* That the blank Certificates be lodged with the Treasurer, previously signed and sealed by the President; and that the Treasurer supply the various examining Committees with such certificates when requested.

*Voted,* That the next Convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society be holden at Butler's Tavern, in New-Haven, on the Wednesday next succeeding the second Thursday of October next.

*Test.* RICHARD ELY, *Sec'ry. pro tem.*

\* *The BY-LAWS of the CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY from October 1792 to October 1801—*are as follows—viz.

N. B.—In the Appendix, are to be found, the annual returns of Fellows ;—those chosen Officers and Examining Committees in the respective Counties ;—together with other Doings, from time to time, of the Convention.

October 1792.

*Resolved,* **T**HAT a Committee be appointed in each County, consisting of three Members of the Connecticut Medical Society, for the examination of Candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery.

*Resolved,* That the aforesaid Committees, in the several Counties, be furnished with blank Licenses signed by the President, with the seal of the Society affixed ; to be filled up and countersigned by said Committees, and delivered to such Candidates, as shall be found duly qualified.

*Resolved,* That each Candidate receiving a License executed in the aforesaid manner, pay to the Committee of examination the sum of four dollars ; to be by said Committee deposited in the Treasury of the Connecticut Medical Society.

*Resolved,* That the Clerks of the several County Meetings, transmit to the Secretary, the names of all the members of the Connecticut Medical Society, that belong to their respective Counties, by the sixteenth day of May next.

*Resolved,* That the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society shall receive a compensation for their attendance in Convention.

\* Those of October 1801 and May 1802, see the beginning of the Revision.

*Resolved*, That a tax of three shillings on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society; and also, on such Physicians and Surgeons as shall become members the current year, be levied, collected and paid into the Treasury, to defray the expences of the Society.

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May 1793.

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*Be it ordained*, THAT the Secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society, shall record all the transactions of the Convention, and conduct their correspondence, and have the custody of the Seal of the Society.

*Be it ordained*, That the Treasurer shall keep the monies of the Society subject to their orders, and shall annually render an account to the Convention of all monies received and paid by him.

*Be it ordained*, That it shall be the duty of the examining Committees in the several Counties to make an annual return to the Secretary of the Society, of the several persons by them licensed, and the date of their Licenses, and an entry shall be made in the Records of the Society, of every License granted, containing the name of the person licensed, and of the President and Examining Committee signing the same.

*Be it ordained*, That all communications from members of this State, shall be made to the Clerks of the County Meetings, and by them shall be laid before such Meetings for examination, and if approved of by the County Meetings, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Society to be laid before the Convention.

*Be it ordained*, That it shall be highly disreputable for any member to assume or hold the know-

ledge of any Nostrum, or palm any Medicine or composition on the people as a secret ; and that any such member shall be deemed unworthy to belong to the Medical Society : and that the members of the Society shall hold no medical correspondence with such characters, nor consult with them in any medical case whatever ; and that all Pretenders to Nostrums shall be deemed and considered proper subjects for expulsion from this Society.

*Be it ordained,* That if any member of the Medical Society whose character stands fair and unimpeached shall ask for a dismissal from said Society, he may on application to the County Meeting wherein he resides, have a certificate from the Clerk thereof that he is dismissed from said Society, on condition that he pays up his proportion of taxes and expences that have arisen previous to the time of his application.

*Be it ordained,* That whenever any tax is laid by the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of each County Meeting to make returns to the Treasurer, of the names of any of the members who may be deficient in the payment of such tax.

*Be it ordained,* That all Physicians and Surgeons who pretend to any Nostrums or Secrets, and are willing to communicate their knowledge to the public : that they may do it under the solemnity of an oath before some proper authority, therein declaring that they have revealed every simple and composition they are possessed of, relative thereto, and their method of administering the same, without the least reservation whatever : and that the Nostrums or Secrets shall be advertised in the several newspapers that circulate in the Counties where they respectively reside.

*Resolved*, That any member of the Connecticut Medical Society shall have free access to attend and hear the debates of the Convention.

*Voted*, That the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society shall receive six shillings per diem, for each member while attending in Medical Convention, and six pence per mile while travelling from their places of abode to the Convention.

*Voted*, That a Tax of three shillings be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society; and be collected on or before the fourth Tuesday of September next, by the Clerks of the respective County Meetings to which they belong; and said Clerks shall be responsible to the Treasurer for the same.

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\*October 1793:

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October 1794:

*Be it ordained*; That the several County Meetings have jurisdiction of the accusations that may be made by the members of the Medical Society; and if any accused member shall think himself injured, by the decision of any of the County Meetings, he shall have liberty of appeal to the State Convention.

*Be it ordained*, That the several County Meetings in this State be authorized to make such regulations as their local circumstances may render convenient: Provided such regulations be not contrary to the laws of the State, or the By-Laws of this Society.

\* See this date in the Appendix.



*Be it ordained*, That it shall be the duty of each member of the Medical Society of Connecticut, to accuse any other member of said Society, for any misdemeanor which he deems contrary to the true intent and meaning of the act of the General Assembly incorporating this Society, or contrary to such County regulations as are conformable to the By-Laws authorising such regulations. And the accuser shall make a statement in writing of the misdemeanors aforesaid, and lay the same before a Fellow of the Medical Society : and the Fellow to whom such accusation is made shall issue a notification to the accused to appear before the next County Meeting, stating the time when and the place where it is to be holden, to defend if he see fit, against the accusation. A copy of the said accusation and notification shall be left with the accused, or at his usual place of abode, at least twelve days before the holding of said County Meeting. And the accuser shall cause the said accusation and notification to be served and returned to said County Meeting on the first day of their sitting.

*And be it further ordained*, That the By-Laws confining the jurisdiction of accusations to the State Convention be repealed.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and that the same be paid by the first day of May next.

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October 1795.

*Resolved*, That it be considered as an indispensable requisite, for every young gentleman, who shall hereafter present himself for examination before the Committee of any County, that he read before said Committee, an Inaugural Dissertation

on some medical subject, as one of the evidences of improvement in his studies.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and that the same be paid by the first day of May 1796.

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\*May 1796.

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†October 1796.

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May 1797.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of this Society, to be collected before next Convention.

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October 1797.

*Resolved*, That if any Physician or Surgeon in the State of Connecticut, who was in Practice previous to the institution of this Society, should be desirous of becoming a member of the same; by procuring a certificate from three of the Fellows of said Society, of his having since supported the character of a good Physician or Surgeon, he may be enrolled as a member of the Society. If he commenced his Practice after the institution of the Society, it shall be necessary that he be examined by the Committee of Examination, before he can become a member of the Society.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of this Society, to be paid by the first of May next.

\* See this date in the Appendix.

† See this date in the Appendix.

May 1798.

*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to procure the insertion of advertisements for the Society, in the public newspapers, at the expence of the Society.

October 1798.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to collect all the outstanding accounts of this Society, whether due to or from the Society; and report to the next Convention.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, payable by the first day of May next.

October 1799.

*Voted*, That the President of this Society make out Diplomas for those gentlemen on whom honorary degrees have been conferred by this Society, and that a plate be engraved, at the expence of the Society, for that purpose, and that Doctor Enneas Munson be a Committee to procure said plate.

*Voted*, That the Secretary have liberty to grant copies to the Clerks of the several Counties, of any Dissertations or Orations that have been read before this Society, and approved, (being thereto requested) they paying the expence that may arise therefor.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society, payable the first of May next.

May 1800.

*Voted*, To accept the report of the Committee appointed last October, to point out a regular



system of education to be pursued by Candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, which is as follows, viz. That no Candidate for the practice of Physic or Surgery in this State, shall be admitted to examination, until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, is of good reputation, and shall have had a Collegiate Education, and shall have studied at least two years with some respectable Physician or Surgeon; or if he has not had such preparatory education, shall have studied at least three years with such Practitioner; and shall not be licensed to practice, unless found qualified as follows, viz.

A general knowledge of natural Philosophy, Chymistry and Botany, and a thorough knowledge of Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Anatomy, and Physiology, Theory and Practice of Physic and Surgery.

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October 1800.

*Voted*, That the Clerks of the several Counties make annual returns to the Medical Convention, of the names of the members of the Medical Society residing in their respective Counties.

*Voted*, That it be the duty of the various Examining Committees, to examine all Candidates who are qualified according to the By-Laws of the Society that make application, whether their residence be in the same County or elsewhere.

*Voted*, That the Secretary transmit to the Clerks of the several Counties annually, a copy of the Journals of the Conventions, and publish the same in the newspapers.

*Voted*, That a Tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, to be paid by the first day of May next.

## APPENDIX.

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*The following is an annual Catalogue of the Officers, Fellows, and Examining Committees of the CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY, from October 1792 to October 1801, together with other Doings, from time to time, of Convention.*

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\* October 1792.

† May 1793.

October 1793.

*Voted,* **T**HAT a Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctors Leveret Hubbard and Elihu Tudor : and that the Vice-President and Secretary procure a proper form for a Diploma for the purpose.

*Resolved,* That the three following honorary Prize Questions, be proposed for discussion to the Faculty or Literati of the State, or elsewhere.

- 1<sup>st</sup>. What is the most eligible mode of increasing and propagating Medical knowledge in the State of Connecticut ?
- 2<sup>d</sup>. What are the causes of autumnal Bilious Fevers, and what mode of treatment the most successful ?
- 3<sup>d</sup>. What are the powers and properties of Opium in the cure of diseases ?

\* See this date under By-Laws.

† See this date under By-Laws.

October 1794.

*Voted,* That the thanks of this Society be given (through their Secretary) to Doctor Joseph Youle, of New-York, for his very ingenious Inaugural Dissertation upon Respiration.

*Resolved,* That the first prize question, published in 1793, be laid over until the next general Convention; and that the piece sent on, intended as an answer thereto, be returned to the author by the Secretary, if requested.

*Voted,* That the thanks of this Society be given to Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee, for his ingenious answer to their second prize question, upon Autumnal Bilious Fevers.

*Voted,* That the thanks of this Society be also given to Doctor Gideon Shephard, for his answer to their third prize question, upon the powers and properties of Opium in the cure of diseases.

*Voted,* That the President be requested to deliver an Eulogium in memory of our late worthy President, Leveret Hubbard, M. D.

*Voted,* That the Fellows of the Society go into Mourning for the death of their late President, by wearing a Scarf or black Ribbon on the left arm, for the space of a month from the 12th instant.

*Voted,* That a Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctors Eneas Munson and Seth Bird; also, on Doctor Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia, and on Doctor John Bard and Samuel Bard, of New-York.

#### PRIZE QUESTIONS.

1<sup>st</sup>. What preparations of Antimony best answer the different indications arising in Fevers, and what modes of exhibition are necessary?

2<sup>d</sup>. What is the best method for preventing the common suppurating Quinsy (Cynanche Ton-

illaris of Doctor Cullen,) after the inflammatory state is fully formed, from terminating in maturation and discharge?

- 3d. What are the several species of Colic, their causes, indications, and method of cure? The first question proposed by the Convention for the year 1793, remaining unanswered, is again offered, viz.—What is the most eligible mode of increasing and propagating Medical knowledge in the state of Connecticut?

October 1795.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be given (through their Secretary) to President Pneas Munson, M. D. for his Eulogium to the memory of our late President Hubbard, and that a copy be requested to be on file.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given (through their Secretary,) to Doctor Felix Pascalis Ouyiere, D. D. M. D. of the City of Philadelphia, for his very ingenious and entertaining Dissertation on their third prize question for 1795, on the best preparations of Antimony.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given (through their Secretary) to Doctor Thaddeus Betts, of Norwalk, for his ingenious and pleasing Dissertation on their third prize question; on the different species of Colic, their causes, indications; and method of cure.

*Voted*, That the Doctor of Physic be conferred on Doctors James Potter and Thomas Moseley.

#### PRIZE QUESTIONS.

- 1st. What are the Chemical properties of the effluvia or contagion of the present epidemic in the City of New-York---what its mode of operation on the human body---and does said epidemic differ from the usual bilious autumnal Fevers of this country, except in degree?

2d. What are the causes, symptoms, varieties, and best method of cure, of Dysentary?

3d. What are the causes, symptoms, varieties of Phthisis Pulmonalis, and the best method of preventing and curing the same?

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to present the thanks of this Society to William M. Ross, M. D. of the City of New-York, for his attention in presenting the Society with his inaugural Dissertation.

May 1796.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given, by their Secretary, to Doctor Felix Pascalis Ouyiere, D. D. and M. D. of Philadelphia, for his ingenious answer to the first prize question on the "Chemical properties of the effluvia or contagion of the Epidemic that raged in New-York in the autumn of the year of 1795, its operating on the human body, and its difference from the usual autumnal Fevers of this country."

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given, by their Secretary, to Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee, of New-London, for his answer to their prize question, "What is the best method for preventing the common suppurating Quinsy (Cynanche Tonsillaris of Doctor Cullen) after the inflammatory state is fully formed, from terminating in maturation and discharge?"

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given to Doctor Lewis Collins, of Hebron, for his answer to their prize question, on "What is the most eligible mode of increasing and propagating Medical knowledge in the State of Connecticut." And also, to Doctor Gideon Shepard of Newtown, for his answer to the same question: those two pieces being approved as the two best on the question,



## PRIZE QUESTIONS.

The two last of the last Convention.

*Voted,* It having been represented to the Society, that one of their members had gleaned up from the miserable remains of animal magnetism, a practice of stroking with pointed metallic Instruments, the pained parts of human bodies, giving out that such strokings will radically cure the most obstinate pain to which our frame is incident, causing false reports to be propagated of the effects of such strokings, especially where they have been performed on some public occasions, and on men of distinction; also that an excursion has been made abroad, and a patent obtained from under the authority of the United States, to aid such delusive quackery; that under such auspices as membership of this Society, and the patent above mentioned, the delusion is progressing to the southward, which may occasion disgrace to the Society and mischief abroad; wherefore this Society announce to the public, that they consider all such practices as barefaced imposition, disgraceful to the faculty, and delusive to the ignorant: and they further direct their Secretary to cite any member of this Society, practising as above, before them, at their next meeting, to answer for his conduct, and render reasons why he should not be expelled from the Society, for such disgraceful practices.

*Voted,* That the Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctor James Clark, of Stratford.

October 1796.

*Voted,* That Doctor James Potter be appointed to deliver an Oration at the opening of the Convention in May next.

## PRIZE QUESTION.

What are the symptoms, and best method of treating the late epidemic disorder, vulgarly called the Canker Rash, in all its various circumstances, stages and degrees? It is expected the answer to this question comprise the following circumstances, viz. Is the disorder taken without communication with an infected person? Is the person who has once had the disorder, secure from a second attack? Is it affected in its progress by any particular season of the year or sensible state of the atmosphere?

May 1797.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Convention be given to Doctor James Potter, for his Oration delivered this day.

*Voted*, That Felix Pascalis Ouyiere M. D. of the City of Philadelphia, be a corresponding member of this Society.

*Voted*, That the Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctor Thaddeus Betts of Norwalk.

Whereas Doctor Elisha Perkins, a member of this Society, having obtained a patent from under the authority of the United States, for the exclusive privilege of using and vending certain pointed metallic Instruments, pretending that they were the invention of his own; and also, that they possess inherent powers of curing many diseases, which is contrary to rules and regulations adopted by this Society, interdicting their members the use of Nostrums. Therefore,

*Voted*, That the said Elisha Perkins be expelled from the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut.

May 1798.

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Doctor Lemuel Hopkins, for his history of a case of bilious concretion.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Doctor Jared Potter, for his Essay delivered at this time.

October 1798.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be given to the voluntary associated Medical Society of New-Haven County, for their presents this day of a number of valuable books.

*Voted*, That the Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctors Jared Potter and Theophilus Rogers.

PRIZE QUESTIONS.

1<sup>st</sup>. Scirrhus, its rise, symptoms and progress, until it ends in an ulcerated Cancer, and the best method of treating it in its various stages. The prize annexed to this question, is Parkinson's Voyage to the South Seas, quarto vol. to be presented to the successful Candidate.

2<sup>d</sup>. What are the symptoms and progress of Scarletina Anginosa, as it appeared in the State of Connecticut in the year 1793, its various stages and degrees. Is a person liable to a second attack of the disease? How distinguished from Angina Maligna? Is it affected in its progress by any particular season of the year or state of the atmosphere? And what is the best method of treatment in its various stages? The prize annexed to this question, is the work of Doctor John Fothergill, in one vol. folio, to be presented to the successful Candidate.



*Voted*, That the Secretary publish the doings of this Convention in one of the newspapers in this state, and transmit copies to the Clerks in the several Counties, at the expence of the Society.

*October 1799.*

*Voted*, That Doctors Eneas Munson, Nathaniel Dwight, James Potter, Simon Wolcott, Jesse Carrington, William B. Hall, Thaddeus Clark, and Jeremiah West, be a Committee to take into consideration and digest some regular system of Education, to be pursued by Candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State; and report to next Convention.

*Voted*, That a Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctor John Warren, of Boston.

*Voted*, To request Doctor Eli Todd and Nathaniel Dwight, to deliver each a Dissertation before the next Convention.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to Doctor Thaddeus Clark, for his ingenious Dissertation, delivered this day before the Society, and that a copy be requested of him.

*May 1800.*

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Doctor Nathaniel Dwight, for his ingenious Dissertation read this day before this Convention, and that a copy be requested to be on file.

*Voted*, To request Doctor Eli Todd, or on his failure, Doctor Simeon Field, to deliver an Oration or Dissertation before this Convention, at their next session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that Doctor Mark Newell, who has been cited to appear before this Convention to answer to an accusation against him for a breach of a By-Law of this Society, prohibiting members from hold-

ing nostrums, is guilty of a breach of said By-Law.

*Voted*, That Doctor Mark Newell may have the privilege of publishing the Recepe for his Jaundice Pills or Family Physic, and be considered a reputable member, by complying with the requisitions of the By-Law.

*Doct. Mark Newell's Jaundice Pills or Family Physic.*

R. Aloes 2 oz.—Sap : Cast : 1 oz.—Rad : Zinzeb : Sal : Tart : aa half oz.—Gum Myrrh 2 dr.—Tart : Emetic 1 dr.—Aqu : com : qt : S : M : f : Pil :

Hartford County fl. }  
Hartford, May 15th, 1800. }

Personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for Hartford County, Mr. Mark Newell, Physician, and made oath that the articles above enumerated, are those and the only articles made use of in his Jaundice Pills or Family Physic.

(Test.) DANIEL ROCKWELL, *Justice of Peace.*

*October 1800.*

*Voted*, That the Treasurer report to the next Convention, a statement of the accounts of the Society.

*Voted*, That Doctor Richard Ely and Leonard Bacon, be appointed to deliver an Oration or Dissertation on some Medical subject, at the next Convention.

*The following is an annual CATALOGUE of the Officers,  
 Fellows, and Examining Committees of the CONNECTICUT  
 MEDICAL SOCIETY, from October 1792 to October 1804.*

*October 1792.*

FELLOWS OF CONN- TICUT MEDICAL SO- CIETY.	OFFICERS.	EXAMINING COMMIT- TEES.	COUN- TIES.
Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Samuel Flagg, Josiah Hart,		Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins,	Hartford.
Leveret Hubbard, Eneas Munson, William Gould, Elnathan Beach, Jared Potter,	President. V. President.  Secretary.	Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach,	N. Haven.
Theophilus Rogers, Samuel Mather, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Philip Turner,		Elihu Marvin, John Scott, Philemon Tracy,	N. London.
James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, Hosea Hurlbut, James Clark, Amos Mead,		James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, = John Lester,	Fairfield.

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John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Albigenoe Waldo, Isaac Knight,		Albigenoe Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner,	Windham.
Seth Bird, Samuel Orton, Samuel Woodward, Seth Hastings, Samuel Rockwell,		Daniel Sheldon, Phineas Meigs, Nathaniel Perry,	Litchfield.
Thomas Moseley, John Elv, John Osborn,	Treasurer.	Thomas Moseley, Ebenezer Tracy, John Osborn,	Middle sex.
Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Joseph Parker,		Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, William Grosvenor,	Tol- land.

October 1793.

Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Samuel Flagg, Lemuel Hopkins, Josiah Hart,		Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins,	Hartford.
Leveret Hubbard, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, William Gould, John Spalding,	President. V. President. Secretary.	Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach,	N. Haven.
Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy,		Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, Philemon Tracy,	N. London.

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James Clark, Thaddeus Betts, Hosea Hurlbut, James Potter, James E. Beach,		James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, Joseph Trowbridge,	Fairfield.
John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Albigenice Waldo, Allen Campbell,		Albigenice Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner,	Windham.
Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon, Seth Hastings, Samuel Woodward, Samuel Orton,		Daniel Sheldon, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington,	Litchfield.
Thomas Moseley, John Osborn, Elisha Phelps,		Thomas Moseley, John Osborn, Ebenezer Tracy,	Middlesex.
Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Miner Grant,	Treasurer.	Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, William Grosvenor,	Tolland.

October 1794.

Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Charles Mather, Mason F. Cogswell, Asa Hillyer,	V. President.	Eliakim Fish, Samuel Flagg, Josiah Hart,	Hartford.
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Hosea Hurlbut, Eli Perry, Joseph Trowbridge, Bennet Perry, James Clark,	Secretary.	Joseph Trowbridge, Hosea Hurlbut, Bennet Perry,	Fairfield.
Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Joseph Baker, John Clark, Jonathan Hall,		Joseph Baker, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner,	Windham.
Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon,, Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington,		Daniel Sheldon, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington,	Litchfield.
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October 1795.

Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Mason F. Cogswell, Solomon Everett, Josiah Hart,	V. President.	Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Mason F. Cogswell,	Harford.
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Philip Turner, Theophilus Rogers, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy,		Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, Philemon Tracy,	N. London.
James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, Gideon Shepherd, William Shelton, Eli Perry,	V. President.	Gideon Shepherd, James E. Beach, William Shelton,	Fairfield.
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Samuel Orton, Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Rockwell, Nathaniel Perry, Caleb Austin,	Secretary.	Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, Nathaniel Perry,	Litchfield.
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Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Joseph Palmer,		Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, Simeon Field,	Tol- land.

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